**Backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs**

2027. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of backlog of the vacancies reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs;

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to'(c) Instructions have been issued to CPSEs through their administrative Ministries/Departments to launch Special Recruitment Drive in CPSEs to fill up backlog of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs in a time bound manner, so as to ensure that there will be no backlog/carried over to the next year.

**Settlement of dues of ex-employees**

2028. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES
AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that settlement of dues of employees of various PSUs, who rendered jobless due to closure of the Units and/or VRS has been outstanding;

(b) the number of such employees alongwith the outstanding dues as on the 31st March, 2004 and on the 31st December, 2004, PSU-wise;

(c) the reasons for non-settlement of legitimate dues of these ex-employees; and

(d) the time-frame if any, within which outstanding dues of all such ex-employees would be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) When a unit of a Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) is closed, generally the Government ensures that all employees' dues are cleared before closure of the unit. Similarly, employees' dues are cleared simultaneously when employees are released under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Details in regard to settlement of dues of ex-employees of CPSEs are not centrally maintained in the Department of Public Enterprises.